

WORLD OF RADIO #1184, produced May 28, 2003 by Glenn Hauser

- *New edition of companion program Continent of Media has been produced, #03-03, starting on RFPI May 29: Thu 2000, UT Fri 0200, 0830; Sat 2130, Sun 0330, 0930 on 7445, 15039; also available at <http://www.DXing.com>
- *WORLD OF RADIO starts airing on WINB, Pennsylvania, June 7: Sats 1730 on 13570, thanks to invitation from Hans Johnson
- *`Bottle banging against concrete` interfering with WWCR 5070, including when WORLD OF RADIO is on, UT Sun 0230; some call it the ``bonker``, too close for comfort [on 5072], but may have priority as this is a utility band
- *Sun June 1, 1300-2200 UT, National Hurricane Center ham station conducts its first test as WX4NHC; frequencies on HF, VHF
- *CheveronTexaco pulls out of sponsoring Metropolitan Opera broadcasts after the 2003-2004 season: more about this on COM 03-03
- *June 2 FCC vote to ease restrictions on media concentration is finally getting publicity; 99 percent of public comments oppose it; only Republican majority and big business are for it. See Commissioner Adelstein's comments in DXLD 3-091, i.a. via <http://www.worldofradio.com>
- *CBC merges web, radio and TV news operations, consolidating resources; but will radio then be `cannibalized` by TV?
- *BBC to spend megapounds on leadership training courses; Greg Dyke already has employees flashing ``cut the crap`` signs at meetings; who will save BBC from its management?
- *Rai, Italy, provides lots of goodies to its monitor in Newfoundland, Sue Hickey
- *Rai has decided to close down SW transmitters at Caltanissetta, Sicily, on 6060, 7175 and 9515; same frequencies may still be on air at times from Roma
- *On 17340-USB, Greek news and weather; probably relay by coastal station SV0, Olympia Radio, Athens, 17341
- *R. Gardarika, St. Petersburg, Russia, back on SW for a week, June 9-16, for NW Europe, 1800-2100 UT on 6235
- *A 1969 R. Lebanon QSL card just fetched US\$787 on an E-bay auction; a typical collection might be worth over US\$ 50K. All DXers should insure QSL collections, make bequest provisions, and be aware of their potential value, says David Ricquish, <http://www.radiodx.com>
- *New director of Israel Radio, Ben-Menachem, has close ties with PM Sharon, to serve as his proxy?
- *R. Kuwait, 15495, heard at 1530 relaying R. Free Iraq service of RFE, by mistake? Supposed to be on MW 1548
- *Satellite dishes are hot sellers in Baghdad, despite lack of electricity; even in flower shops and produce stalls
- *Must be getting nervous in Tehran: Iran Democracy Act before the US Senate, S. 1082, as in DXLD 3-091, with money for pro-democratic elements to produce radio programs, and requiring reform of R. Farda

programming to be anti-Iranian government

- *V. of Mojahed, clandestine to Iran, disappeared when Basra was under attack, but now seems back at *0125 on 6770/6750, 5650/5670, jumping around with Iranian-type jammers following it
- *R. Nejat (Salvation), on 675 MW mirrors content of Iran's official IRIB, but has subtle differences, not calling Mujahedin e-Khalq 'hypocrites' and just 'Iran', not 'Islamic Republic of Iran'. Following on same frequency is clandestine V. of Rebellious Iraq
- *VOA and RFE services to Afghanistan now direct from Kabul on 1296, new 400 kW transmitter; BBG also installed a 400 kW for R. Afghanistan on 1107, for nationwide MW coverage; 1296 was previously via Tajikistan
- *The media magazine you monitor with your mind, World of Radio 1184, woradio at yahoo.com or P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702, USA
- *Thanks this week for financial support go to Tim Hendel
- *Standard disclaimer
- *R. Japan temporarily moved relays from Sri Lanka to UK, due to transmitter trouble; English at 1400-1500 now on 17870 is now heard better in Israel, than was Sri Lanka on 17755
- *R. Guangdong, China, is new station via WRN, with weekly quarter hour in English, Sat 1600 to Europe and North America; Sun 0800 to rest of world
- *Sky of BCL, DX program in Chinese from China Huayi Broadcasting Station, FuZhou, Sat 0730-0830 on 6185, has added repeat late at night when it should propagate further, Sun 1600-1700, but too late for North America
- *V. of Vietnam heard with home service on 17925, third harmonic of 5925 [No, it isn't: fundamental would instead be 5975!]
- *R. Pilipinas, English at 0200-0300 monitored on 11885, 15120, 15270 contrary to outdated announcements
- *Solomon Islands had very good signal in New York City, on 5020 at 1000
- *ABC is quitting digital TV broadcasting in Australia, due to lack of interest, and lack of funding; maybe digital feevee will fly
- *R. Cairo testing new frequency for English 1215-1330, 17675, to avoid Tahskent on 17775, May 27, 28, 30; audible in New Hampshire but in splatter from Finland 17670
- *Inadequately identified new service from Libya to Iraq no longer heard on 9745, leaving that clear for Bahrain, but still heard on 7245, 11660 around 2130
- *RIZ transmitter factory in Croatia delivered two mobile MW radio transmitter centres worth half a megaeuro to Libya's Info Ministry
- *V. of Liberty, Liberia, tentatively heard on 11512.0 at 1730
- *Radio UNAM, university station in Mexico City, again being heard with improved modulation since May 20; measured on 9597.6 around 1413, better at 0103, 0300
- *Additional frequencies of R. Marti last week had nothing to do with solar cycle, just commemorating 101st anniversary of Cuban

independence; on orders from White House, Commando Solo broadcast
Marti to Cuba on channels 13, 18, and MW 530 despite Turks & Caicos
*Cuba threatened to retaliate by stepping up power of its MW
transmitters as in past; 590 had better signal in daytime in
Clearwater FL, with Rebelde instead of Musical Nacional, then back
to the classical service
*HCJB DX Partyline has been reprieved, not only via HCJB-Australia,
but perhaps also on morning service from Ecuador, and relayed by
some US SW stations [per DX Partyline last week, not Viva Miami as
I said]
*Elusive Paraguayan R. America barely audible in Argentina on 7371.4
*Current schedule of DRM tests includes BBCWS via Sackville at 23-24
on 9795, 03-04 11955; RN English from Bonaire, 0430-0530 Sat & Sun
on 15400; daily 2330-2430 on 15525
*Sky & Telescope Astro-Alert has auroral activity watch May 28-31,
most likely on 30th, in northern US, Europe, southern Australia, NZ
*Coronal mass ejections to impact earth, worst May 30; A and K indices
peaking at 35 and 6 on June 3; flux range 140 to 90
*Glenn Hauser, concluding World of Radio 1184 ###